

Fire Safety Tips

Fire safety is something most of us do not think enough about. Living on or off-campus means being more responsible for your own safety and the safety of those around you. Fire safety is one of the most important responsibilities you will assume. Make sure you know what your responsibilities are regarding safety.

Tips for Preventing Fires in Your Home or Apartment

- Never ignore a fire alarm; fires can spread quickly. Evacuate immediately even when there is no smoke present.
- Have an escape plan. Know where the fire exits are, and have two escape routes from each room. Practice your alternate escape route during fire drills.
- Do not overload electrical outlets. If you need to plug multiple appliances into an outlet, use a power strip. Extension cords and multi-plug adapters are prohibited.
- Candles and incense burning devices are prohibited in all Residence Hall rooms.
- Don't leave food unattended on the stove or in the microwave. Be sure to turn off all burners and your stove whenever you leave your apartment.
- SUNY Oswego is a tobacco free campus, and smoking is not permitted anywhere on campus.
- Always check the wattage in light bulbs to make sure you are using the correct bulbs in light fixtures to prevent overheating. Verify your lighting unit with your R.A. to ensure that it is acceptable to the Residence Hall Rules.
- Do not hang items from fire sprinklers.
- Do not place any item over Smoke Detectors that would prohibit smoke from reaching the device.

In Case Fire Does Strike

SUNY Oswego's Fire Safety Plan

- If you hear an alarm, leave at once-do not delay. Close all doors behind you! If you know the location of the fire, call 911 and say "I want to report a fire". Stay on the phone with the 911 operator until they say that you can hang up.
- Don't try to fight the fire or round up valuables. Evacuate your room and residence hall immediately.
- Avoid elevators. Use the stairs.
- Feel all doors before opening. If a door feels hot, or if smoke is seeping out, DO NOT OPEN IT.
- If you wake in a smoke-filled room, avoid breathing deeply, cover your nose and mouth with a cloth if possible, drop to the floor and crawl to an exit.
- If you become trapped in your room and cannot reach a fire exit, do not panic. Close your door and seal off any cracks with wet towels. If you can, call 911, give them your name, address and location of the building. Open a window for air and signal for help. Do not jump! WAIT for help.
- If in smoke or heat, stay low where the air is better. Take short, quick breaths through the nose until you reach safety.